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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO INDIA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. AS YOU AWARE WHEN US PROVIDED INDIA WITH 400 MW NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR FACILITY AT TARAPUR, WE ALSO AGREED TO SUPPLY FACILITY WITH ENRICHED URANIUM FOR THIRTY YEARS. CONTRACT FOR THIS PURPOSE WAS ENTERED INTO IN 1966 BETWEEN USAEC AND INDIAN AEC. SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING ROUTINELY IN PAST FEW YEARS. LAST DECEMBER US AEC AGREED TO INDIAN AEC REQUEST FOR FIVE SHIPMENTS FOR 24510 KILOGRAMS DURING PERIOD JUNE 1974-APRIL 1975. AEC ISSUED EXPORT LICENSE COVERING THESE SHIPMENTS MAY 16, 1974.

2. EXISTING AGREEMENT PROVIDING IAEA SAFEGUARDS TARAPUR IS WORKING WELL WITH REGARD TO PHYSICAL INSPECTIONS AND OTHER SPECIFIED CONTROLS AND WE ARE SATISFIED INDIA HAS NOT DIVERTED ANY SAFEGUARDED MATERIAL FOR ANY PURPOSE.

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HOWEVER; INDIANS HAVE NEVER ACCEPTED US VIEW THAT OUR

BILATERAL AND IAEA SAFEGUARD AGREEMENT PRECLUDE USE OF US SUPPLIED MATERIAL IN PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. THIS HAS BEEN OUR LONGSTANDING POLICY, GIVEN IN WRITING TO INDIAN AEC IN NOVEMBER 1970 AND REITERATED AT LAST WEEK'S IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING BY US REP.

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3. IF THERE SHOULD EVER BE A VIOLATION WE WOULD FIND OUT ONLY AFTER THE FACT AND IT IS IN THAT CONTEXT THAT WE BELIEVE WE MUST HAVE EXPLICIT GUARANTEE FROM INDIA THAT IT WILL NOT USE ANY MATERIAL PROVIDED FOR TARAPUR OR ANY TARAPUR PRODUCED MATERIAL FOR PEACEFUL EXPLOSION AS WELL AS FOR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. WHILE WE HAVE FELT THAT EXISTING SAFEGUARD SYSTEM ON TARAPUR HAS MET OUR ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS UNTIL NOW, THE FACT OF THE INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST NECESSITATES THAT WE OBTAIN ASSURANCE INDIA WILL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH US POLICY.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO PERMIT THE EXPORT TODAY OF THE INITIAL SHIPMENT OF 6,150 KILOGRAMS OF URANIUM ON AN INDIAN FLAG VESSEL, WHILE, HOWEVER, RE-AFFIRMING TO INDIA THAT US POLICY OF NON-USE OF AMERICAN MATERIALS FOR PNES APPLIES TO THIS SHIPMENT AND TO ADVISE INDIA THAT THE SUBSEQUENT FOUR SHIPMENTS DEPEND ON INDIAN CONFIRMATION THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RESPECT US POLICY.

5. SEPTEL REPORTS DISCUSSION SUBJECT BETWEEN ACTING SECRETARY AND INDIAN AMBASSADOR AND PROVIDES TEXT LETTER TO CHAIRMAN INDIAN AEC WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO AMBASSADOR. KISSINGER

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